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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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